

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

The tone of dried apple sauce may be heightened with a sliced lemon.

One hole in the fence will, by and by, cost ten times as much as it would to fix it at once. One diseased sheep will spoil a flock. One unruly animal will teach all others in company bad tricks.

CEMENT FOR MENDING CHINA.—Make a thick solution of gum arabic with warm water, and stir in plaster of paris; use while warm and set the article away for two or three days to dry. It cannot be broken again in the same place.

All scars made by pruning off large branches of trees should be painted or tarred, or otherwise protected from the rain. Many fruit trees become hollow, or fall into premature decay, from the rain penetrating through old saw-cuts made in pruning.

WASH FOR THE HANDS.—Four ounces pulverized borax, four ounces each of saleratus and muriate of ammonia; put into a tin pan and pour in four quarts of hot soft water; stir until well mixed, bottle for use; after washing the hands and face, wet with the above.

CITRON CAKE.—(How to keep the citron from falling to the bottom of the cake.) One cup of butter, two of sugar, three of flour, four eggs and one cup of milk; add one teaspoonful of soda and two of cream of tartar and one pinch of salt. Make the cake as above, put in the pan, cut the citron thin, put it in the cake edwise, push down until the batter covers citron.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.—Make good pie-crust (not biscuit-crust) enough for three layers rolled a little thicker than for pies, and bake in jelly-cake pans; prepare two quarts of berries, and stir in sugar to taste about half an hour before your crust is baked; butter the crust while hot, spread the berries between the layers, and serve immediately; no sauce is needed, as the juice of the fruit is sufficient.

RHUBARB PIE.—First stew and sweeten your fruit to taste. Line your dish with paste; brush the paste over with the beaten white of an egg to keep it from getting soaked. Do not put more than half a cup of water to a two quart sauceman of the rhubarb in stewing, or it will be too juicy. Fill the dish three-quarters full, put strips of paste across as for a tart pie, and bake in a quick oven until the crust is done.

The London Farmer gives the following formula for making liquid grafting wax. Melt one pound of common resin over a gentle fire, add one ounce of beef tallow and stir well; cool a little and mix with it a tablespoonful of spirits of turpentine and then add seven ounces of ninety-five per cent. alcohol. The alcohol will cool it so rapidly that it will be necessary to put it again on the fire, stirring it constantly with the utmost care to prevent the alcohol from getting inflamed. To avoid this the best way is to remove from the fire when the lump commences to melt, and stir and repeat until the whole is a homogeneous mass similar to honey. It should be put on with a painter's brush. After a few days' exposure to the atmosphere in a thin coat, it becomes as hard as a stone and impervious to air.

COLIC.—As soon as the colic pains are perceptible, give the animal a drench composed of eight ounces raw linseed oil, one fluid ounce of laudanum, one drachm powdered niter and eight fluid ounces peppermint-water. Mix well and drench slowly down the throat from a common drenching-horn or a smooth-necked champagne-bottle. If entire relief is not given in one hour repeat the above-prescribed drench in the same quantities as here given. If you will give proper attention to the diet of your horse and feed him with sound, sweet and nutritious grain and provender, the only food in character that agrees with the stomach and its functions, you will not have any further difficulty as regards colic attacks. Large quantities of water should not be given at any one time to horses that indicate the least predisposition to attacks of colic. The water furnished all live stock should be at all times pure, soft and fresh, and given in small quantity at a time three or four times daily. Both food and water should be given in regular quantities, and at regular hours of the day. The stable should be properly ventilated and lighted with sash windows. Where strict attention is given to the hygienic and dietary care and general management of live stock, health will surely follow.



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